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1. AMCONSUL SALVADOR REPORTS OWNERSHIP AND TITLE TO 5.5
MILLION HECTARES OF LAND IN BAHIA IS CURRENTLY UNDER
CHALLENGE BY BAHIA STATE GOVERNMENT IN SUPREME COURT OF
BRAZIL. DEEDS COVERING AREA WERE ALLEGEDLY IMPROPERLY ISSUED BY
JUDGE IN GOIAS WHO CURRENTLY BEING SOUGHT BY FEDERAL
POLICE. HOMESTEADERS REPORTEDLY PRESENTED FALSE WILLS TO JUDGE
WHO THEN LEGALIZED FALSE TITLES. LAND THEN APPARENTLY SOLD
TO FOREIGNERS.

2. VARIOUS "ASSOCIACOES" SUCH AS TERRA DO LINDA WERE FORMED
FROM THIS FALSELY ACQUIRED LAND AND SHARES WERE THEN SOLD
BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF BRAZIL. ALL LAND INVOLVED WAS
REGISTERED WITH JUDGE IN GOIAS WHEREAS PROPER PROCEDURE
WOULD HAVE BEEN TO REGISTER IN BAHIA.

3. BAHIAN OFFICIALS ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE COURTS
WILL UPHOLD THEIR CLAIM AND THAT NO TITLES OR OWNERSHIP
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CLAIMS DERIVED FROM OR BASED ON THESE FRAUDULENT

ACTIVITIES WILL BE HONORED. IF THIS IS SO, NONE OF
THE SUPPOSED TITLES HELD BY "ASSOCIACOE" INVOLVED WILL HAVE
ANY VALIDITY.

4. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF COLONIZATION AND AGRARIAN
REFORM IN BRASILIA REPORTS THAT USE OF "CERTIFICATES OF
MUTUAL INTEREST" WOULD BE VERY UNUSUAL IN LAND SALE AND
MIGHT EVEN BE ILLEGAL.
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